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## Shrewsbury Named a Sustainable Community

Shrewsbury one of 15 new towns to earn certification in New Jersey.

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Thanks to its efforts promoting green and eco-friendly projects and programs, Shrewsbury recently achieved Sustainable Jersey certification, one of 15 communities to join the growing list of towns throughout the state that have received similar recognition since the program was launched in 2009.

In all, 108 municipalities have received either bronze or silver certification - Shrewsbury earned bronze certification - and 359 total communities throughout New Jersey have received or are working towards certification.

In order to earn bronze-level certification, towns must show proof that they've completed a balance of the program sustainable actions, meeting a minimum of at least 150 points, a release from the non-profit organization states. Among the actions that earn communities points are a commitment to environmental stewardship, community gardens, and energy conservation.

Sustainable municipalities are also required to create a Green Team to help ensure the project remains on target.

Shrewsbury earned Sustainable Jersey points in June by [passing a resolution aimed at curbing engine idling](#). With carbon dioxide emissions tied to pollution, greater full consumption and health problems, seen especially in rising asthma rates among children, the no-idling policy was introduced as a simple way to help remedy the problem.

Areas targeted for anti-idling education efforts are shopping centers and Shrewsbury Boro School, among others. Signs have even been erected in some areas by the Green Team reminding drivers "No Idling. Young Lungs at Work."

More recently, Shrewsbury [Council](#) has [made a commitment to volunteers looking to establish a community garden](#) on public property, promising approval pending an official plan.

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**Andres Simonson**

5:36 pm on Monday, March 26, 2012

Great job Shrewsbury!

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**Cindy Burnham**

7:00 am on Wednesday, March 28, 2012

This is wonderful to see how the Shrewsbury Council supports these people that want to start a community garden, unlike Red Bank Council. Any member of the RB Council could stand up and help rather than stand in opposition. Passing a resolution in favor of a Community Garden is great and covers your butt, but then the council keeps saying "No", "Anywhere but there"! to sites that the Community Garden Committee comes up with. Too much ego for compromise. Not enough intelligence to come up with good solutions.

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**Greg Adams**

12:14 am on Monday, April 2, 2012

Good luck in the EU.

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